Mr. M. K. Raman.—I ask for the indulgence of the President to give us a few minutes more. The major part of the time was taken up by the Member for Cranganur and the Member for Urakam, and during the question time a point of order was also raised.

President.—I am sorry I cannot give it to you. There are others also whose question have not been reached.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Not for me only. A little more time may be given. There are a number of other questions.

President.—There is a definite rule that one hour only should be allowed for questions.

Appointments in certain Departments.

210. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) has it come to the notice of the Government that recently the Travancore Government has passed orders that Ezhuvas, Christians and Muhammadans should be admitted for employment in certain departments which were hitherto exclusively set apart for caste-Hindus ;

(2) has the Government considered the possibility of taking a similar step in Cochin regarding the same question ;

(3) do the Government know that in respect of the question of caste, the conditions in Cochin and Travancore are alike ; if the answer is in the negative, will the Government kindly state what difference exists between the two States ;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state the names of the gentlemen who held the post of the Commandant of the Nayar Brigade during the last 20 years ; how many of them were Nayars, how many of them Christians or Muhammadans ?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) No.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (1).

(3) The conditions are more or less alike.

(4) Mr. M. A. Chakko
Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar
Mr. H. W. M. Brown
Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon
Sheik Abdul Quadir Sahib Bahadur
Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon

2 Nayars, 2 Christians, 1 Muhammadan and 1 Brahmin.

Maternity patients—General Hospital.

211. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war statement of the number of the

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